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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION

FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE

DEAF AND DUMB AND BLIND,

TO THE

Legislature of the State of California,

FOR THE YEAR 1860.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the California Institution for the Education and care of the indigent Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, submit to the Legislature their Report for the past year.

Feeling deeply interested in the Institution placed under our charge, much time was devoted to the selection of grounds suitable for the erection of the proposed building; and it was found, after many fruitless attempts, nearly or quite impossible to obtain any adapted to the purpose, on the terms required by law. In the mean time, very eligible and desirably located lots had been offered us, at unusually favorable rates. Due consideration having been given the subject, it was thought advisable to accept the proposal, provided it could be done in conformity with the law. The Board having no authority to purchase, an appeal was made to the Lady Managers of the Institution, when they generously came forward, and in accordance with our advice, purchased the fifty-vara lot on which the building is now erected—corner of Mission and Sparks streets—and have donated the same to the State; a deed to that effect having been properly recorded and handed to the Governor.

Owing to the small amount of means placed under our

control, and a determination on the part of the Board not to exceed it in any particular, mature deliberation was required in the adoption of plans that would come within the sum appropriated, and meet the almost immediate requirements of the Institution. The plan finally adopted constitutes the west wing of the contemplated building—32 by 62 feet, two stories and basement—plain in its style, from necessity, but substantially built, of the best material, completely and thoroughly finished.

The ten thousand dollars appropriated by an Act of the Legislature, approved April 19th, 1860, has all been drawn from time to time as required, and the entire sum disbursed in the erection and completion of the wing, as per vouchers in the hands of the Controller of the State.

The Board esteem themselves fortunate in the selection of the present grounds; the location being airy and healthful; and more particularly, as, since the selection, real estate in that vicinity has enhanced in value to such an extent, that the State at the present time is possessed of considerable more value in the property than the amount appropriated from its Treasury.

A refusal, until the first of May next, has been obtained by the Board of the three adjoining lots, making in all one hundred varas, on the same favorable terms as the first purchase. They have increased in value nearly one-half, are eminently necessary to the Institution for various purposes, amongst which is the very important one of furnishing ample space for the pupils to take that exercise essential to health. We would, therefore, recommend an appropriation of six thousand dollars for the purpose of consummating the purchase.

The present wing, although complete in itself, and erected with the utmost economy as to capacity, as well

as in all other respects, is barely sufficient for the accommodation of the present number of pupils. Additional applications are being made frequently, and it is anticipated on almost positive grounds, that the number will more than double during the present year. These facts, with the urgent necessity of having two separate wings for an institution of this nature—one exclusively for boys, and the other for girls—are enough to cause your Trustees to consider it within their province to advise further appropriation, to enable the building to be carried to completion.

By order of the Board.

B. H. RANDOLPH,

President Board of Trustees.

P. B. CLARK, Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 1st, 1861.

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instructor. During the first month the pupils increased to eight, and in six months to sixteen.

The school for the blind was commenced in October, with four pupils—two boys and two girls. The opening of this department was much delayed from the necessity of having to send to the Atlantic States for alphabets and books, adapted to their peculiar necessities.

The first public examination was held at Platt's New Music Hall on the eleventh of December, and passed with great credit to the pupils. The rapid progress shown in their studies, when it is considered that on entering school they were wholly ignorant, none having been under instruction more than six months, and many less, was truly surprising to all that witnessed it, and made more manifest the praise due the teachers for the evident perseverance in their difficult and laborious work.

The general health of the pupils has been good. Four of them, however, have suffered from the prevailing disease, typhoid fever, which by the blessing of God, yielded to the skill and close attention of Dr. Whitney, who received no other reward but the pleasure of doing good.

It has been considered by some, that an Institution of this kind was premature, the State being too young to have a sufficient number of these unfortunate classes to establish a school.

To show the erroneousness of this idea, it will be only necessary to state that the first Institution of the kind in the United States—Hartford, Connecticut—commenced with only one pupil; the New York Institution, one of the most successful, with only two, and the average number for the first ten years was only fifty-five.

The California Institution opened with three pupils, and increased during the first six months to twenty-two, and

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of California, and to the Contributors to the California Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, the Managers submit their first report.

A meeting of a number of ladies of San Francisco was held on the seventeenth of March, 1860, when the Society for the Instruction and Maintenance of the indigent Deaf and Dumb and the Blind was organized.

Immediate application was made to the Legislature for assistance, the necessity of which being fully realized, was generously responded to by the passage of an Act appropriating ten thousand dollars for the erection of a building.

The full amount has been received by the Trustees and judiciously and economically disbursed in the erection of a very substantial brick building—32 by 62 feet—on the corner of Mission and Sparks streets.

The Managers being desirous of not delaying until the new building would be completed, rented a house in Tehama street, and opened the school for deaf mutes on the first of May, with three pupils—two girls and one boy—and were fortunate in engaging Mr. H. B. Crandall, an intelligent and well educated deaf mute gentleman, as

will, in all probability, before the present year elapses, increase to a number equalling the first ten years' average of the New York Institution.

Besides those now in school, the Managers know of thirty-six more deaf and dumb in the State, and nearly an equal number of blind. There are probably many more yet unknown to the Managers, as there is no question but the census was very incorrectly taken in this particular.

With this statement of facts, can any one think the work premature? Will not every one feel that it is a necessity, called for by every feeling of humanity, when they consider the total ignorance of these naturally intelligent children, the greater part of whom are actually denied the privilege of learning that they are accountable beings? They cannot be taught at home, nor in Common Schools, and no relief can be given them except through the agency of an Institution adapted to their peculiar wants and circumstances.

An Institution of this kind cannot be reared, conducted and supported by their parents. This, thus far, has been sustained mostly by the Society, and the contributions of the benevolent, but although the public of this State are noted for their liberality in support of all charitable objects, it is not reasonable to suppose their proverbial generosity will prove adequate in this great work.

We must, therefore, look to the State for such assistance as will remove all impediments, and enable the Society to progress in the good work of enlightening the minds of these children of silence and darkness.

Of the whole number, we have had only one full-pay pupil, and have sufficient reasons for expecting but few hereafter. Our system of Common Schools is such, that most children possessing all their faculties can receive an

ordinary education; but how few, comparatively, in this State or any other, are able to attend a boarding school or schools of higher grades. It is, also, almost conclusively shown, by statistics gathered by the different Institutions of the world, that there is a greater proportion, by far, of deaf and dumb and blind children among the indigent, than in the wealthier class of society.

Through the benevolence of the people of San Francisco, mostly, the Society have, in addition to sustaining the Institution to the present time, been enabled to purchase the fifty-vara lot on which the building now stands, and have donated the same to the State. This has only been accomplished by exercising the most rigid economy in every department.

The Treasurer's account, which accompanies this Report, furnishes a statement of receipts and disbursements.

Trusting in Divine Providence for success and usefulness for the future, the Board conclude their records for the year.

By order of the Board.

Mrs. P. B. CLARK, President.

Mrs. E. S. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 1st, 1861.

EXPENDITURES.	Mrs. J. UNDERHILL, TREASURER.
Paid for furniture, bedding, stove, desks, crockery, etc. \$616 21	
Teachers, Matron and servants. 873 50	
rent of house No. 17 Telamne street. 380 00	
expenses of the President to Sacramento. 85 00	
for medicines and hospital charges. 131 37	
for globe, charts, books and stationery. 201 00	
express freight on books from New York. 44 63	
stage and carriage hire. 23 00	
for sewing machine. 50 00	
for fuel. 152 00	
for printing report, notices, etc. 70 50	
postage. 11 00	
for moving to new building. 17 50	
for groceries and provisions. 786 93	
real estate, lot corner Mission and Sparks streets, 1672 17	
for clothing for pupils. 113 21	
Balance on hand. 797 08	
	\$6027 10

RECEIPTS.	
From members. \$488 00	
collection at Trinity Church. 65 00	
collection at Church of the Advent. 50 00	
collection at the Oriental Hotel. 28 25	
donations. 901 67	
pupils—tuition and board. 359 00	
Festival, Mechanics' Pavilion, July 6th and 7th, 2661 05	
Festival at Platt's Hall, December 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th—net proceeds. 1471 13	
13th, 14th—net proceeds. 1471 13	
	\$6027 10
Feb. 1st, 1861, balance to new account. \$797 08	

LIST OF PUPILS

IN THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION
OF THE DEAF AND DUMB AND BLIND.

DEAF AND DUMB.

Males.	Town.	County.
Benjamin, Bazililar.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
Clatton, Samuel T.	Yolo.	Yolo.
DeRutte, Theophilus.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
Giddings, Henry R.	Yolo.	Yolo.
Hegeler, Manuel Salvador.	Bodega.	San Francisco.
Kramer, Henry.	San Francisco.	Solano.
Markham, Columbia.	Suisun.	San Francisco.
Garrett, O'Farrell.	San Francisco.	Napa.
Sandcock, Thomas.	Sebastopol.	Napa.

Females.

Doran, Bridget.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
Douglass, Caroline.	Yisalia.	Tulare.
Downey, Emma.	Rough and Ready.	Nevada.
Mead, Kate.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
Sherk, Jenny.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
Wright, Mary.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
Wertheimer, Susan.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
McKail, Mary.	Sacramento.	Sacramento.

BLIND.

Males.	Town.	County.
Hanley, James Edward.	Timbuctoo.	Yuba.
Laurence, Francis Aboline.	Marysville.	Yuba.
Females.		
Ford, Lucinda.	Carson Creek.	Sacramento.
Holman, Mary Ann.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.
Long, Mary Jane.	San Francisco.	San Francisco.

DONATIONS.

Mark Brumagin.....	\$50 00	H. B. Underhill.....	10 00
Alsop & Co.....	50 00	C. Crocker.....	5 00
W. T. Coleman & Co.....	50 00	J. L. Polhemus.....	5 00
Louis McLane.....	50 00	A. M. Gilman & Co.....	5 00
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.....	50 00	Irwin & Co.....	5 00
R. B. Woodward.....	50 00	H. F. Lawton.....	5 00
W. R. Garrison.....	50 00	Stanford Brothers.....	5 00
E. W. Leonard.....	50 00	E. J. Crane.....	5 00
Frederick Griffing.....	28 25	Bradshaw & Co.....	5 00
B. Davidson.....	25 00	Flint, Peabody & Co.....	5 00
Grand Jury.....	25 00	Fuller & Co.....	5 00
James Bell.....	25 00	Fretz & Ralston.....	5 00
G. A. VanBokkelen.....	20 00	Wm. Newell & Co.....	5 00
G. P. Baker.....	20 00	James Krouse & Co.....	5 00
Thomas S. Fiske.....	20 00	C. Pearson & Co.....	5 00
D. O. Mills.....	20 00	F. A. Foster & Co.....	5 00
B. F. Hastings.....	20 00	L. L. Treadwell.....	5 00
Frank Baker.....	20 00	R. Morrison.....	5 00
G. A. VanBokkelen.....	15 00	Mills & Co.....	5 00
A. G. Tryon.....	10 00	Fargo & Co.....	5 00
Cook, Mott & Co.....	10 00	Turner & Brother.....	5 00
S. Alstrom.....	10 00	Cash, sundry persons.....	36 42
Kreysafer & Co.....	10 00	H. G. Still.....	2 50
P. C. Hyman.....	10 00	Bovee & Co.....	2 50
J. H. Bosworth & Co.....	10 00	Dr. Chevalier.....	2 50
J. H. Coghill & Co.....	10 00	Mrs. Armstrong.....	2 50
R. E. Brewster & Co.....	10 00	S. Simons.....	1 00
H. M. Newhall.....	10 00	Mr. Young.....	1 00
T. Starr King.....	10 00		

Eugene Keller & Co., 1 piece Sheetting, 1 piece Toweling.

Tasfite McNeill & Co., 4 pair Blankets.

R. J. Ordway, 2 Single Bedsteads.

Jonas G. Clark & Co., 6 small Tables, 12 Cane-seat Chairs.

Frank Baker, 3 pair Curtain Woods.

A. Dowd, 6 Chairs.

O. Fuller, 6 straw Mattresses, 6 Stools, 2 Settees, 2 Comfortables, 3 Blankets, 2 pair Pillows, 1 Ewer and Basins, 1 Looking Glass, 2 Bed Spreads, 3 Sheets, Cord for 5 pair Curtains.

Mr. Coulter, 1 Table.

J. Genella, 2 Platters, 3 Milk Pitchers, 2 Vegetable Dishes, 3 Water Pitchers, 24 Mugs, 6 C. C. Chambers.

Reid & Brooks, 2 doz. Cups and Saucers.

W. O. Murtha, 1 doz. Pint Cups, 1 Dish Pan and Ladle, 1 tin Pail, 4 Wash Basins, 2 tin Pans.

J. Underhill, 2 doz. Knives and Forks, 4 Britannia Spoons, 6 Tin Plates, 1 pair Sad Irons.

Kennedy & Bell, 20 yds. Carpeting.

Mr. Hixon, 5 pair Curtains.

Mr. Constine, 1 Table, 1 Bedstead.

Frederick Griffing, 1 sack 100 lbs. Sugar, 3 sacks 150 lbs. Rice, 1 doz. Wood Buckets, 1 chest Tea, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Brooms, 6 Boxes Soap, 4 earthen Pitchers, $\frac{3}{4}$ doz. Plates.

Locke & Montague, 1 Flesh Fork, 1 Iron Spoon, 1 Charcoal Iron, 1 pair Sad Irons, 1 Grater, 1 pair Candlesticks, 1 Sauce Pan, 1 Pepper Box, 1 Dredge Box.

Mc Elwee & Ackerman, 1 piece Carpeting.

Cullahan & Sanderson, 2 doz. Dinner Plates, 2 doz. 7 inch Plates, 2 16 inch Dishes.

Newman Bros., 1 Window Brush.

Hawley & Co., 1 sack Flour, 1 sack Hominy, 1 sack Meal, package Green and Black Tea, package White and Brown Sugar.

D. Provost, 1 case Pie Fruit, 1 5 gall. keg Pickles.

A. Humburg, 4 Chairs.

Mr. ——— 2 Ewers and Basins.

Walker & Co., 1 bag Flour.

Mr. Sherman, 1 piece Oil Cloth.

Flam & Howes, 1 Potato Masher, Rolling Pin, Bowl, Mincing Knife, Mop, Clothes

Basket, Line, Dusting Brush and 2 Brooms.

Kirby, Byrne & Co., 1 piece Cotton Sheetting.

Gordon, Brooks, Backus & Tay, Coffee Filter, Shovel, Tongs and Poker, Slop-pail, Waterpail, Frypan and Tin Teapot.

S. Alstrom, piece Oil Cloth, use of Parlor for Exhibition.

Parker & Studley, load of Wood.

C. Schreiber, 6 Pulu Pillows.

Samuel Buckley, 2 Bedsteads.

Haynes & Lawton, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz Bowls, 2 doz. Soup Plates, 6 Vegetable Dishes.

J. C. Bell, 1 Rug.

Peirce & Co., 2 Single Bedsteads.

G. B. Hitchcock, 2 doz. Drawing Books, 3 boxes Drawing Pencils.

Mr. Purdy, 2 Blank Books, 1 gro. Steel Pens.

J. J. Lecont, 1 doz. Slates, 1 doz. Writing Books, 1 box Crayons.

Wilson & Ford, 2 reams Paper.

Towne & Bacon, Printing 3,000 Circulars. Reduction in price of printing Report, \$10 00.

George J. Brooks & Co., Paper for Circulars.

Hubbard & Co., reduction on Stove, \$10 00. 1 Tin Washbasin, 1 Golden Gate Coffeepot.

W. B. Cooke & Co., 2 doz. Pen Holders, 1 quart bottle Ink, 500 Envelopes, 1 Blank Book.

Jacob Schreiber, 100 lbs. Pulu.

Ladies of Grace Church, 4 Lamps, 1 Looking Glass.

Verplanck & McMullen, 1 bag Flour, 1 bag Beans.

San Francisco Gas Company, 3 bbls Coke.

Abram Bros., 1 sack Sugar.

Randall & Jones, 1 box Candles, 3 boxes Soap.

Bovee & Co., 2 papers Coffee.

San Francisco Sugar Refinery, 1 keg 14 galls. Syrup, 1 box Sugar.

Frederick Griffing, 1 basket Peaches.

Unknown, 1 basket Peaches.

Freeman's Express, 1 case of Books from New York.

H. Bancroft, 1000 Envelopes, 1 doz. Inkstands.

Davidson & Co., 1 piece Bed Ticking, 2 Table Cloths.

Mr. Skerrett, 1 Towel.

Mr. Ostrander, 2 Shirts.

Steinhart & Bro., 1 piece Crash.

Mr. ——— 1 piece Bed Ticking.

Mr. Sperry, 1 clock.

Mrs. McCormick, 1 pair Blankets.
 Mrs. Heintzman, 1 Shawl, 1 Blanket.
 Frederick Griffing, Strawberries for children.
 Trinity Church Pic Nic, Box Cake.
 Mrs. Inge, 1 Extension Table.
 Mr. Culhoun, printing 2000 Tickets for Festival.
 George J. Brooks & Co., 2000 Cards for Festival Tickets, 3 doz. Porcelain Cards.
 Mr. Freeman, Printing 2000 Tickets.
 Lockwood, Ewell & Co., suit of Clothes.
 Pioneer Ball, Basket of Cake.
 Lord & Co., 3 doz. Porcelain Cards.
 W. C. Walker, Flowers for the July Festival.
 W. H. Keith, Ether, and instruments for applying same to children's ears.
 Jacob Underhill, 6 pieces Muslin, 1 kitchen Grindstone.
 W. F. Walton & Co., 1 firkin Butter, 100 lbs., $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. Oregon Salmon, 100 lbs.
 John Center, reduction in prices of Lots, from lowest cash valuation, three hundred dollars.
 Newspapers of San Francisco, Advertising gratuitously.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

I. Pupils are provided for by the Institution in all respects, clothing excepted, at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum. At an additional charge of fifty dollars annually, clothing will be furnished by the Institution, if desired.

II. No deduction made from annual charge on any account except sickness.

III. Pupils can reside at the Institution, without extra charge, during vacation.

IV. Applicants for admission, to be instructed at the public expense, should be between the ages of eight and twenty years. The Institution will not hold itself bound to receive any not embraced within this rule.

V. The Board reserve to themselves or their officers the power of rejecting any application, when reasonable objections exist, either intellectually or otherwise.

It is considered desirable, in case of each Pupil entering the Institution, to obtain written answers to the following questions:

1. What is the age of the Applicant?
2. Where was he born?
3. Was the deafness or blindness from birth, or was it produced by disease or accident? If so, in what way and at what time?
4. Are there any other cases of deafness or blindness in the same family, or among any of the ancestors?
5. What are the names, occupation and residence of their parents?
6. What are the number and names of their children?

By order of the Board.





